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1. The number of members of the SNB Detachment at Jachymov, which bears the cover name "Jerab", is approximately 1,000; these men are quartered in restaurants and barracks. Each member is armed with a submachine gun type 48 and a pistol type CZ-7.65 mm. New members who graduated from the SNB school in Libejovice carry pistols of the CZ-9 type but are furnished only 25 cartridges. Each platoon has one machine gun type 26, to be used to prevent escape of prisoners or against paratroopers. Rifles are used in training or during alarms.

2. Headquarters of this detachment is at Jachymov and has the following leading personnel:

25X1 a. Commanding Officer: Capt. Hronadko

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b. Deputy Commanding Officer: Lt. Rysavy

3. Units of this detachment include the following:

- a. "Vrsek 20" consisting of three platoons of about 100 men. They are quartered in one wooden barrack, two brick houses, and the school which are located about 500 m from the Barbora pit. About 30-35 men are always on duty in the observation towers at the Elias pit.

- b. "Vrsek 21" having 25-28 men. Their duty is to accompany prisoners to the Elias, Bratrstvi, Eduard, Hamusov, and Bozi Dar pits and to the Elias barracks. Only one SNB member accompanies the prisoners to the pits except for the Hamusov pit to which duty two men are assigned.

25X1 1) Commanding Officer: H/O Rudolf Sip

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25X1 2) Deputy Commanding W/O Svoboda
 25X1 Officer:

- c. The Marianska unit has a strength of 160 men, who are equipped with rifles, pistols, submachine guns, and light machine guns. They guard political prisoners working in the Pavnost pit.

25X1 1) Commanding Officer: W/O Joseph Nemec
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25X1 2) Deputy Commanding W/O Halmaza
 25X1 Officer:

25X1 3) Education Officer: W/O Jaroslav Lastovka
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25X1 4) Physical Training W/O Stepanek
 25X1 Officer:

3. After new members have been accepted by the Prague SNB Headquarters, they are sent to either of two schools: at Libejovice near Vodnany, or near Plzen. At the Libejovice school, about 180 persons are trained by about 40 instructors, who usually hold the rank of W/O. The Commanding Officer of this school is 2nd Lt. Miza, who is about 40 years old, of weak build, with black hair and eyes, and a fanatical Communist. Training at this school lasts three months and consists of infantry drill and specialized instruction in the art of self-defense and shooting.

4. The Hanusov pit offers the best opportunity for escape, since the prisoners work there in groups and the entire area, which is about 7-8 km long, is guarded by only two SNB men.

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